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Re: Enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/891,606
Our Reference: NGB.059

Dear Examiner Tamai:

Enclosed is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116, which is responsive to the March 2, 2005, Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,


James E. Howard

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For: MAGNETIC BEARING CONTROL DEVICE WITH COUNTER FOR TIMED
MAINTENANCE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated March 2, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-22, 24, and 26 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 5-6, 9, 13, 18, 20, 24, and 26 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 23 and 25 are canceled. Claims 1, 9, and 18 are independent.